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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposal to allow Nurse Practitioners (NPs) in Nebraska to use fluoroscopy in their practice after completing the necessary training and education. At CHI Health, we support all providers practicing to the full scope of their licensure and believe in removing barriers that may negatively impact patient care and outcomes. This change is crucial not only for enhancing patient care in Nebraska, but also for ensuring equitable healthcare access, particularly in rural communities where healthcare providers and resources are scarce.

As you may know, fluoroscopy is an invaluable diagnostic tool that provides real-time imaging, enabling better decision-making and improved patient outcomes across various clinical settings. It is already the standard of care in multiple specialties. The integration of fluoroscopy into the NP's skill set has proven to be safe and effective in several other states, with no reported adverse outcomes.

Many are well aware of the physician shortage, which is anticipated to worsen in the coming years. NPs play a vital role in bridging this gap to ensure patients receive the care they need. The addition of fluoroscopy to their skill set is a logical extension of their existing competencies.

I urge you to consider the significant positive impact this proposal would have on patient care, especially in rural communities where access to healthcare resources and providers is already limited.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I strongly encourage you to approve this initiative and support Nurse Practitioners in providing the highest quality care to all Nebraskans.

Sincerely,

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